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SUBJECT: SALINITY: ROVIROSA WADE COMMENTS FURTHER ON
DESALTING PLANT

1. JULY 2 EL SOL CARRIED SHORT ARTICLE QUOTING SECRETARY
OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES, ROVIROSA WADE, TO EFFECT THAT
SINCE "MEXICO WAS NOT THE ONE TO BREAK THE WINDOW",
ENTIRE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLVE SALINITY PROBLEM
MUST BE BORNE BY USG. ARTICLE FURTHER ATTRIBUTES TO
ROVIROSA STATEMENT THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT HELP FINANCE
NUCLEAR DESALINIZATION PLANT NOR WOULD IT ACCEPT SITING
NEAR FRONTIER SINCE THIS MIGHT LEAD TO CONTAMINATION BY
NUCLEAR WASTES OF GULF OF CALIFORNIA.

2. NOVEDADES CARRIES ESSENCE OF ROVIROSA'S COMMENTS
ON FINANCING OF PROPOSED DESALTING PLANT BUT DOES NOT
ALLUDE TO QUESTION OF NUCLEAR DESALINIZATION SCHEME.

3. COMMENT: IF QUOTED CORRECTLY, ROVIROSA SEEMS TO
BE CONFUSING ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF SALINITY
PROBLEM WITH OUR LONG-TERM INTEREST IN JOINT DUAL-PURPOSE
POWER-DESALINIZATION PROJECT. ALTHOUGH TWO PLANS
MIGHT BE IN A CERTAIN SENSE RELATED, EMBASSY IS AWARE
THAT PROPOSAL MADE BY MR. BROWNELL DOES NOT AFFECT
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USG POSITION ON LARGER SCHEME. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL
SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THIS POINT WITH
ROVIROSA, AND TO REITERATE MR. BROWNELL'S ASSURANCES
THAT DISCHARGE CANAL TO SANTA CLARA SLOUGH WILL NOT BE
USED FOR DISPOSITION OF WASTES OTHER THAN BRINE FROM

PROPOSED DESALTING PLANT.
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